100 Git Commands

1. git init

Initializes a new Git repository in the current directory.

git init

2. git clone

Creates a copy of an existing Git repository (remote or local).

git clone <repository-url>

3. git status

Shows the current state of the working directory and staging area.

git status

4. git add

Stages changes (files) for the next commit.

git add <file-name>

git add .

5. git commit

Records changes to the repository. Use -m for a commit message.

git commit -m "Commit message"

6. git log

Displays the commit history for the repository.

git log

git log --oneline

7. git diff

Shows the difference between changes in the working directory and the repository.

git diff

git diff <commit-hash1> <commit-hash2>

8. git show

Displays the changes introduced by a specific commit.

git show <commit-hash>

9. git config

Configures user details and preferences for Git.

git config --global user.name "Your Name" git config --global user.email you@example.com

Displays help information for a Git command.

git help <command>

10. git help

Branching Commands

11. git branch

Lists branches, creates a new branch, or deletes a branch.

git branch # List branches

git branch <branch-name> # Create a branch

git branch -d <branch-name> # Delete a branch

12. git checkout

Switches to a branch or a specific commit.

git checkout <branch-name>

git checkout < commit-hash>

13. git switch

Switches branches (an alternative to git checkout).

git switch <branch-name>

14. git merge

Combines changes from one branch into another.

git merge <branch-name>

15. git rebase

Reapplies commits from one branch onto another, rewriting history.

git rebase <branch-name>

Staging and Stashing Commands

16. git stash

Temporarily saves changes that are not ready to commit.

git stash

17. git stash pop

Applies the most recent stash and removes it from the stash list.

git stash pop

18. git stash list

Lists all stashes saved in the repository.

git stash list

19. git stash drop

Removes a specific stash entry.

git stash drop stash@{n}

20. git stash apply

Applies a stash without removing it from the stash list.

git stash apply stash@{n}

Undoing Changes

21. git reset

Moves the branch pointer and modifies the staging area or working directory.

git reset --soft HEAD~1 # Undo last commit, keep changes staged git reset --mixed HEAD~1 # Undo last commit, unstage changes git reset --hard HEAD~1 # Undo last commit and discard changes

22. git revert

Creates a new commit to undo the changes of a previous commit.

git revert < commit-hash>

23. git clean

Removes untracked files and directories.

git clean -f # Remove untracked files

git clean -fd # Remove untracked files and directories

Viewing History

24. git reflog

Displays a log of all reference changes (branch and HEAD movements).

git reflog

25. git blame

Shows who made changes to each line of a file.

git blame <file-name>

26. git shortlog

Summarizes commit history by author.

git shortlog

27. git log --graph

Displays a visual representation of the commit history.

git log --graph

28. git show <commit-hash>

Displays detailed information about a specific commit.

Collaboration Commands

29. git remote

Manages connections to remote repositories.

git remote add <name> <url>

git remote remove <name>

30. git fetch

Downloads changes from a remote repository without applying them.

git fetch

31. git pull

Fetches changes from a remote repository and merges them into the current branch.

git pull

32. git push

Uploads local commits to a remote repository.

git push origin <branch-name>

33. git clone

Clones a remote repository to your local machine.

Cherry-Picking and Rebasing

34. git cherry-pick

Applies specific commits from one branch to another.

git cherry-pick <commit-hash>

35. git rebase --interactive

Squash, edit, or reorder commits during a rebase.

git rebase -i HEAD~3

Advanced Commands

36. git bisect

Finds the commit that introduced a bug using binary search.

git bisect start

git bisect bad

git bisect good

37. git tag

Creates, lists, or deletes tags for specific commits.

git tag <tag-name>

git tag -a <tag-name> -m "Message"

38. git archive

Creates an archive of the repository files.

git archive --format=zip HEAD > repo.zip

39. git submodule

Manages submodules (nested repositories).

git submodule add <repo-url>

git submodule update

40. git worktree

Adds multiple working directories for the same repository.

git worktree add <path> <branch>

Aliases and Shortcuts

41. git alias

Creates shortcuts for frequently used commands.

git config --global alias.co checkout

git config --global alias.br branch

Debugging Commands

42. git diff

Compares changes between different commits, branches, or working directories.

git diff <commit-hash1> <commit-hash2>

git diff main feature

43. git log --stat

Shows commit history with a summary of changes for each commit.

git log --stat

44. git grep

Searches for a string or pattern in your repository.

git grep "search-string"

45. git bisect run

Automates git bisect using a script to test each commit.

git bisect run <script>

46. git fsck

Verifies the integrity of the Git repository.

git fsck

47. git log -S

Searches for commits where a string was added or removed.

git log -S "search-term"

48. git show-branch

Displays the branch history in a compact form.

git show-branch

49. git rev-parse

Converts branch names or tags into commit hashes.

git rev-parse HEAD

50. git whatchanged

Shows the file-level changes for each commit.

git whatchanged

Patch Management

51. git format-patch

Generates patch files from commits.

git format-patch HEAD~3

52. git apply

Applies a patch file to the working directory.

git apply <patch-file>

53. git am

Applies patches and creates commits from them.

git am <patch-file>

54. git diff --cached

Shows the differences between the staging area and the last commit.

git diff --cached

55. git reset HEAD

Unstages a file, moving it back to the working directory.

git reset HEAD <file>

Collaborative Workflow Commands

56. git push --force

Force pushes changes to a remote branch (used cautiously).

git push --force

57. git fetch --prune

Cleans up deleted remote branches locally.

git fetch --prune

58. git pull --rebase

Rebases instead of merging during a pull operation.

git pull --rebase

59. git remote prune

Removes references to deleted remote branches.

git remote prune origin

60. git cherry

Lists commits in the current branch that are not in the target branch.

git cherry main feature

Rewriting History

61. git rebase --onto

Rebases a range of commits onto a different branch.

git rebase --onto <new-base> <upstream> <branch>

62. git filter-branch

Rewrites commit history for advanced filtering.

git filter-branch --env-filter '...' HEAD

63. git replace

Replaces a commit with another.

git replace <commit-hash1> <commit-hash2>

64. git reset --merge

Resets the working directory and index, preserving uncommitted changes.

git reset --merge

65. git commit --amend

Modifies the most recent commit message or adds changes to it.

git commit --amend

Advanced Commands

66. git reflog expire

Clears old or unnecessary reflog entries.

git reflog expire --all --expire=now

67. **git gc**

Cleans up unnecessary files and optimizes the repository.

git gc

68. git worktree prune

Cleans up old worktree references.

git worktree prune

69. git prune

Cleans up unreachable objects.

git prune

70. git Is-tree

Displays the content of a tree object in Git.

git Is-tree HEAD

Security and Authentication

71. git credential

Manages Git credentials.

git credential approve

72. git config --list

Lists all configuration settings.

git config --list

73. git verify-commit

Verifies signed commits.

git verify-commit < commit-hash>

Git Hooks

74. git hook

Hooks are custom scripts triggered by Git actions.

- Examples: pre-commit, post-merge.
- Place scripts in the .git/hooks/ directory.

75. git commit-msg

A hook to validate or modify commit messages.

Logging and Auditing

76. git log --since

Shows commits since a specific date.

git log --since="2 weeks ago"

77. git log --author

Filters commits by author.

git log --author="John Doe"

78. git log --grep

Filters commits by a commit message pattern.

git log --grep="bug fix"

79. git log --patch

Displays the patch introduced by each commit.

git log --patch

80. git log --decorate

Shows commits with references (branches, tags).

git log --decorate

Aliases and Shortcuts

81. git alias

Creates aliases for commands to simplify workflows.

git config --global alias.co checkout

82. git config --edit

Opens the Git configuration file for editing.

git config --edit

83. git custom

You can create custom commands by defining shell scripts and placing them in your PATH.

Collaboration Commands

84. git remote rename

Renames a remote repository.

git remote rename <old-name> <new-name>

85. git push --set-upstream

Sets the upstream branch for the current branch and pushes it.

git push --set-upstream origin <branch-name>

86. git pull origin
 stranch>

Fetches and merges changes from the specified branch on the remote.

git pull origin main

87. git push origin --delete <branch>

Deletes a remote branch.

git push origin --delete feature-branch

88. git remote show

Displays detailed information about a remote repository.

git remote show origin

89. git push -- tags

Pushes all local tags to the remote repository.

git push --tags

90. git fetch --all

Fetches updates from all remotes.

git fetch --all

91. git log origin/main..HEAD

Shows commits that are on the current branch but not in the remote branch.

git log origin/main..HEAD

Git Attributes and Ignore Files

92. git Is-files

Lists tracked files.

git Is-files

93. .gitignore

Specifies files or directories for Git to ignore.

o Example:

Ignore log files

*.log

94. git check-ignore

Checks whether a file is ignored based on .gitignore.

git check-ignore <file>

95. git add -f

Adds an ignored file forcefully.

git add -f <file>

96. git attributes

Customizes handling of specific files in the repository via .gitattributes.

o Example:

*.jpg binary

*.txt diff

Automation and Workflows

97. git rebase -i HEAD~n

Interactively rebases the last n commits for squashing, editing, or reordering.

git rebase -i HEAD~3

98. git cherry-pick --no-commit

Cherry-picks a commit without creating a commit immediately.

git cherry-pick --no-commit <commit-hash>

99. git stash save "message"

Saves changes to the stash with a description.

git stash save "Work-in-progress: feature X"

100. git sparse-checkout

Checks out a subset of the repository.

git sparse-checkout init git sparse-checkout set <path>

Complete Categories Overview

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